ASCPT NEWS

2015 Annual Meeting planning



ASCPT and the Scientific Program Committee are well into planning the 2015 Annual Meeting, to be held 3–7 March at the Hyatt Regency in New Orleans, Louisiana. Much has already been accomplished to ensure that next year's meeting will include the cutting-edge science and top-notch experts for which the ASCPT Annual Meeting is known. Here are just a few of the behind-the-scenes activities that have been completed to date:

- The Scientific Program Committee is now considering all Workshop, Symposia, and Science at Sunrise proposals that were submitted by the 5 June 2014 deadline. We thank everyone for submitting their outstanding ideas and for their willingness and eagerness to be a part of the content presented at the Annual Meeting. We expect to send notifications in August. ASCPT thanks the Coordinating Committee on Scientific Sections, chaired by Maurice Emery, PharmD, PhD, and the chairs of the individual sections for their significant efforts to drive submission of proposals for consideration.
- ASCPT received a record number of nominations for the 2015 Scientific Awards, thanks partly to the efforts of the Scientific Awards Nominations Task Force, chaired by Virginia (Ginny) Schmith, PhD. The Scientific Awards Selection Task Force, chaired by Deanna Kroetz, PhD, is now working to select the most deserving candidates for the seven awards to be given at the 2015 Annual Meeting.
- The ASCPT staff, in coordination with the Scientific Program Committee, has prepared the 2015 abstract submission site, to officially open in the coming weeks. Stay tuned to ASCPT Updates for the official announcement of the opening of the site, and plan to submit your research for presentation at the Annual Meeting. The deadline to submit an abstract for consideration is Thursday, 4 September 2014, 4:00 PM Eastern time. As a reminder, ASCPT encourages the use of color in images submitted with abstracts to enhance the presentation of the abstract. Color images will be published in the Annual Meeting Abstract Supplement free of charge.

Stay abreast of the progress being made toward the planning of our next Annual Meeting by periodically checking the Annual Meeting page at http://www.ascpt.org, where you will find all the necessary information to be a part of the 2015 Meeting.

The ASCPT Knowledge Center: your online learning resource



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The ASCPT website, http://www.ascpt.org, has been a consistent member resource that offers easy access to Society information and happenings, as well as access to networking opportunities through the online membership directory. Now, ASCPT is pleased to announce the launch of the Online Education section of the Knowledge Center. ASCPT understands the importance of being able to easily access learning opportunities remotely, and we will therefore be looking to provide more online learning to our members through the Online Education section in the future. The first such opportunity being offered results from the highly successful and informative 2014 Career Bootcamp, offered as a post-conference event at the ASCPT 2014 Annual Meeting. This high-demand program addresses the immediate needs of trainees and junior faculty in developing a successful career path. The Career Bootcamp featured experts from academia, government, and industry, who discussed the following hot topics:

- Successful Interviewing for Industry
- Career Opportunities at the FDA
- Pathways in Academia
- Negotiating a Startup Package, Part 1
- Negotiating a Startup Package, Part 2
- Grants 101/Non-NIH Funding
- Meet the NIH
- Panel Discussions, Parts 1 and 2

Video recordings of each individual session and the two panel discussions are available for purchase at http://www.ascpt.org. Each video recording is $25 for ASCPT members and $50 for nonmembers. Purchased videos will remain available on the My Videos page of the website. These recordings offer a wealth of invaluable information, resources, and advice that can assist trainees and junior faculty in setting their careers on the right path and help advance the field of clinical pharmacology. Buy these videos for yourself (or encourage your peers to do so) and further your professional and personal career development.

Membership renewal



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The 2015 ASCPT membership renewal drive has not yet officially launched, but it is not too early to renew! Although 2014 membership benefits will continue through December 2014, we encourage you to renew your commitment to the Society now. ASCPT's ongoing goal is to provide our members with the tools and resources necessary to be successful in the field of clinical pharmacology and to remain informed on the most up-to-date information and happenings around the field. We will soon be e-mailing the official renewal notices, but we welcome renewal via the online system on http://www.ascpt.org now. Have you taken advantage of the dual-membership option with the International Society of Pharmacometrics (ISoP)? If so, you can renew your membership with both Societies through a single renewal process with ASCPT. Not yet a dual member but interested in pharmacometrics? Take advantage of the dual-membership option made available during the ASCPT membership renewal process and receive the benefits of both organizations. Members who select the dual option will enjoy a $45 discount on the total cost of their dues to ASCPT and ISoP. Contact members@ascpt.org for more details or with questions about renewal, and watch for your official renewal notice in your e-mail inbox in early August!

Scientific Section update

ASCPT is pleased to announce the launch of the new Biologics Scientific Section, to be chaired by Anne Heatherington, PhD, and vice-chaired by Amita Joshi, PhD. The focus of the section is the application of clinical pharmacology principles to the development and clinical usage of biological drug therapies. Its scope will span recombinant proteins, monoclonal antibodies, Fc-fusion proteins, antibody fragments, and therapeutic vaccines. The section will encompass disciplines such as clinical pharmacology, pharmacokinetics/pharmacodynamics (PK/PD), physiologically based pharmacokinetics, the impact of bioanalytical aspects (PD, ADA, biomarkers) on clinical data, and immunogenicity risk assessment. Members wishing to join the Biologics Scientific Section as one of their two allowed scientific sections may do so at http://www.ascpt.org.

ASCPT is also pleased to announce that the Biomarkers Scientific Section has been renamed the Biomarkers and Translational Tools Scientific Section. This new name more accurately reflects the scope of this section, which seeks to promote the development and use of novel markers of pharmacological activity and target engagement in order to:

- Facilitate translation from preclinical to clinical experiments
- Establish clear evidence of drug activity in humans
- Provide quantitative PK/PD data and analyses for dose selection
- Yield tools for guiding drug therapy in individual patients

For additional information on any of the ASCPT scientific sections, visit http://www.ascpt.org or contact Lisa Williamson, ASCPT's Director of Member Services at members@ascpt.org.

Journal transition to Wiley

At the 2014 Annual Meeting, ASCPT President Russ B. Altman, MD, PhD, was pleased to officially announce the upcoming transition of the Society's two journals, *Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics* (*CPT*) and *CPT: Pharmacometrics & Systems Pharmacology* (*CPT:PSP*), to Wiley. This new publishing partnership will enable ASCPT and the editorial leadership of each journal to provide new and exciting author and reader services. Over the past and coming weeks, ASCPT has and will be working with Wiley and the journals' leaderships to smoothly transition each journal without interruption to our authors, reviewers, and readers. Although papers for each journal will continue to be published by Nature Publishing Group for the next several months, ASCPT staff and the leadership of each journal have been working to establish the workflow that will allow Wiley to begin publishing content for both *CPT* and *CPT:PSP*. The first step in this process will be the official launch of the new submission/revision systems. Both *CPT* and *CPT:PSP* will continue to utilize eJournalPress, requiring only that authors and reviewers be redirected to the mirror copy of the systems created for use with Wiley. During this time, ASCPT staff will work with our authors and reviewers to ensure that content, including both new and revised papers and reviewers' comments, are smoothly submitted through the new sites. Watch ASCPT News and ASCPT Updates for additional information on the transition. Authors and reviewers who have questions should contact Elise Laffman-Johnson, Managing Editor (elise@ascpt.org), or Natalie Ngo, Publications Manager (natalie@ascpt.org), or call 703-836-6981.

Member of the Month



Jesse Joachim Swen, PharmD, PhD, Department of Clinical Pharmacy and Toxicology, Leiden University Medical Centre, Leiden, The Netherlands Dr. Swen was introduced to ASCPT in 2007, when, as a PhD student, he wrote a paper on the work of the Dutch Pharmacogenetics Working Group that was published in *CPT*. Stimulated by the enthusiastic stories from his PhD supervisor, Henk-Jan Guchelaar, PharmD, PhD, about the Annual Meeting, he joined the Society as a student member in 2009 and became a full member in 2012. In 2011 he attended his first ASCPT Annual Meeting and immediately realized that all the stories he had heard about it were true. He has not missed an Annual Meeting since, and has found each to be a forum for establishing contacts and setting up collaborations. Importantly, this ability to network with like-minded individuals is something that Dr. Swen recognizes as not being restricted to the Annual Meeting but also possible through the many activities offered through the Society. It is this ability to interact with such individuals on a consistent basis that is his favorite aspect of his membership. It is also through his membership and attendance at the Annual Meeting that he has been provided a clear view of career opportunities in clinical pharmacology, by attending the well-known Trainee Luncheon and the Curriculum Review Course.

ASCPT, says Dr. Swen, unites some of the world's leading experts in the field of pharmacogenomics research, which has enabled him to interact with such researchers from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines who share the common goal of finding the right drug at the right dose at the right time for the right patient. As to how ASCPT has influenced the field of clinical pharmacology, Dr. Swen offers the following: "It unites researchers and clinicians with an interest in clinical pharmacology from all over the world. I think it is one of the leading organizations in pharmacogenomics research in the world. It has two outstanding journals and an Annual Meeting that has a very convenient size and offers great talks and networking opportunities." Because the Society welcomes participation by all members, no matter their age or level of expertise, Dr. Swen recommends that new and young members attend the Annual Meeting, especially the events specifically set up to meet the needs of young people, such as the Trainee Luncheon and the Curriculum Review Course, as well as participate in the Mentoring Program, which is available all year long.

New Member



Abdalla Nagi, MD, Department of Pharmacology, Inje University College of Medicine, Busan, South Korea Dr. Nagi decided to join ASCPT because he believes that, as a well-known and established society, it provides a strong foundation for clinical pharmacology and therapeutics, with the aim of improving human health care through research, drug development, and clinical trials. He has these same goals for his own career and hopes to see clinical pharmacology become an even more significant contributor to global health care. Because his research focus and target career are within the field of clinical pharmacology, Dr. Nagi believes that his membership with ASCPT will be of great benefit to him. He intends to be active in acquiring knowledge about the latest updates in the field offered through the Society, and hopes to make as many research contributions as possible while serving the field as a research physician. He says, "Clinical pharmacology is a very promising field and gives the researcher the ability to discover new drugs, conquer difficult medical questions, and contribute in disease treatment as well as improve health care. Personally, I chose this field over the other clinical fields because it gives me the ability to serve humanity at both bedside and benchside, and this is my dream, which I hope I can achieve in the future."

Welcome new ASCPT members!

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